REMARKS

The present application is being filed as a continuation of application serial number 09/708,257, filed November 7, 2000, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the present application as amended.

As a result of this preliminary amendment, claims 2-30 from the parent application have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claim 1 is currently pending in the present application.

Deposit Account Authorization

Dated: October 23, 2003

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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